

SEVENTH DAY.

Wednesday, 8th October 1941.

The House reassembled at the Jagan Mohan Palace Pavilion at 12 of the clock on Wednesday, 8th October 1941, Mr. President (*Rajamantrapravina* N. Madhava Rau, B.A., B.L., Dewan) in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—*contd.***Mekedatu Power Scheme.**

Q.—1. Mr. S. KARIAPPA ((Kankar, halli—Rural).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether surveys have been conducted near Mekedatu to generate electricity by using the waters of the Cauvery; if so, in what year this investigation was carried out;

(b) whether it is under contemplation even now to take up the scheme;

(c) if so, when will the work be taken up;

(d) if it is not proposed to be taken up, what is the reason?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. G. MEHKRI).—

(a) Yes, 1924.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise, in view of answer to (b) above.

(d) The scheme for the generation of power at Jog Falls has been taken up for execution. The necessity for another scheme does not arise at present. This hydro-power site is reserved for future development.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—According to the survey conducted in 1924, how much power could be generated at Mekedatu?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—27,000 H. P.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—What was the scheme estimated to cost?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Rs. 1,36,00,000.

Another MEMBER.—What was the object with which surveys were undertaken in the year 1924?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—It was then considered necessary to think of that scheme for meeting the demand for power.

The MEMBER.—Are the Government now generating enough power to meet all the demand?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—Yes.

The MEMBER.—It is stated in answer to (d) that this site is reserved for future development. Is there any such necessity?

Mr. M. G. MEHKRI.—With the increase in the number of industrial concerns, more power will be required. That is why the Jog Falls Scheme has been taken up. If the demand for power increases still further, this and, if necessary, other schemes also will have to be considered.

Cultivation under the Begur Dasarahalli Tank.

Q.—6. Mr. G. RAMIAH (Koratager.—Rural).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether there is a tank named Begur Dasarahalli tank near Thimmanahalli, Madhugiri Taluk;

(b) when was it restored;

(c) whether the contribution amount collected from the raiyats has been credited to Government treasury;

(d) when was it so credited into the treasury and what was the amount so credited;

(e) whether water is being supplied for cultivation from the time of the restoration of the tank;

(f) whether the *atchkat* under wet lands has been allocated;

(g) whether the raiyats of Thimmlapur and other villages have submitted

several petitions to Government, the Deputy Commissioner and other officers to do so;

(h) if so, when;

(i) whether any penal water-rate and fines are being levied on the lands cultivated by the seepage water under the tank;

(j) if so, on how many acres this is being levied every year;

(k) since when it is being collected?

A.—The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Rajasevaprakashta B. T. Kesavaiah).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Between 1912 and 1916. Correct information is not, however, available readily.

(c) Yes.

(d) On 2nd October 1912. Rs. 300.

(e) Yes.

(f) Action is being taken in the matter.

(g) Yes.

(h) From time to time.

(i) It is reported that whenever the riyats used water unauthorisedly, the delinquents were dealt with under the rules.

(j) and (k) Information is not readily available.

Mr. G. RAMIAH.—What is the reason for not defining the *atchkat* under the tank till now even though the tank was restored so long back as 1912?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—We shall ascertain the reason.

Mr. G. RAMIAH.—Is the answer to (e) correct?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—That is the information before the Government.

Mr. G. RAMIAH.—To what lands is water being supplied at present?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—To the *atchkat* lands.

Mr. G. RAMIAH.—When the *atchkat* itself is not defined, how can water be said to be supplied to it?

The MINISTER for REVENUE and FINANCE (Rajamantrapravina K. V. Anantaraman).—What is the trouble now? Is not water being supplied at all?

Mr. G. RAMIAH.—No; and where seepage water is used for raising some crop, penal water-rate is levied. That

is the trouble. Secondly, unless water is given for cultivation, the object of either constructing or restoring the tank cannot be said to have been fulfilled.

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Government will take the necessary action in the matter.

Mr. G. S. SUBBA RAO.—Is this a major or a minor tank?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—I shall let the member have the information presently.

Mr. G. S. SUBBA RAO.—Subsequent to the restoration of the tank in 1912, is the annual maintenance being attended to regularly?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Perhaps so.

Mr. G. S. SUBBA RAO.—Have not the people been requesting that these lands should be included in the regular *atchkat* of the tank and that penal rate should not be charged for the use of the seepage water for raising crops?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Notice.

Mr. G. S. SUBBA RAO.—Since how long is the correspondence going on?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Notice. We have not been able to trace it.

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—We shall get the lands included in the *atchkat*.

Mr. G. S. SUBBA RAO.—After these lands are included in the *atchkat*, will the Government remit the penal rate collected all these years?

Mr. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Even after the lands are included in the *atchkat* if water is not supplied, then that question will arise. Whether the collections of previous years could be remitted is a question which will have to be examined.

Mr. P. V. K. Murthy's Suicide.

Q.—8. Mr. K. GANGA SETTY (Small Industries).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it has come to their notice that an Electrical Department official by name Mr. P. V. K. Murthy committed suicide;

(b) if so, whether it is true that he has left behind letters setting out reasons for his suicide;